GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:436
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ROLE OF PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS IN BHARAT NIRMAN PROJECT
Yadav Shri Anirudh Prasad (Sadhu)

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) are presently involved in implementation of the Bharat Nirman Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether any proposals in this regard are under consideration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MAM SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a), (b), (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.436 DUE FOR REPLY ON 22.12.2005 REGARDING ROLE OF PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS IN BHARAT NIRMAN PROJECT.

(a) to (d): Bharat Nirman is a programme for building rural infrastructure, comprising six components, namely, irrigation, water supply, rural roads, rural housing, rural telecom connectivity and rural electrification. Panchayats are already involved in varying measures in aspects of planning and implementation of certain schemes under these components. The National Committee on Rural Infrastructure headed by the Prime Minister, while accepting in principle the centrality of Panchayats in the programme, has desired that the feasibility of involving Panchayats in each of the Bharat Nirman components be considered by a Group of Secretaries under the Chairmanship of the Member-Secretary, Planning Commission. The process of interaction among different Ministries/Departments in this regard has been initiated.